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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/03/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/26/03
BRO-FRY	161,198	156,172
LT HENS	2,011	2,050
HVY HENS	1,251	1,285

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	134	4	138
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	192	0	192
SAME WEEK YR AGO	378	0	378
TO-DATE/2003	4,829	65	4,894
TO-DATE/2002	5,511	20	5,531

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,014	1,246	3,260
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,943	1,235	3,178
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,326	1,368	3,694
TO-DATE/2003	33,599	22,552	56,151
TO-DATE/2002	36,598	22,153	58,751

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,380	1,880	1,242	3,122
AVG WT	5.16	3.43	7.94	5.22
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	144,469	1,751	1,235	2,986
SAME WK YR AGO	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316
AVG WT	5.01	3.36	7.85	5.21
TO-DATE/2003	2,540,928	28,770	22,487	51,257
TO-DATE/2002	2,603,211	31,087	22,133	53,220

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.2 million head or 1 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 19, 2003**

****NOTE** CORRECTIONS ON WEEKENDING APR 12TH ON %
TOTAL HEAD DEBONING SHOULD HAVE READ 42% INSTEAD OF 44%**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	24,407	23,714	47,106
Avg Weight	3.77	4.76	6.10
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%

COMPARISONS

Last week	23,134	29,678	38,638
Avg Weight	3.89	4.72	6.18
% of total /1	25%	32%	42%

Same week, yr ago /2	36,4303	24,662	45,954
Avg Weight	3.75	4.80	5.98
% of total /1	34%	23%	43%

To date/2003	383,571	361,652	679,882
To date/2002	489,685	373,530	747,461

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
AVG WT	15.76	37.18	24.04	28.19	28.79
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,778	2,644	77	9	4,508
SAME WK YR AGO	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
AVG WT	16.08	35.97	24.56	33.57	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	29,085	45,225	976	253	75,539
TO-DATE/2002	30,051	44,233	730	124	75,138

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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